



Montgomery County Board of Elections

2020 Presidential General Election

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Candidate Filing



Summary Guide

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2020 CANDIDATE FILING

- Many questions regarding the campaign process from the public were fielded and answered throughout the year
- Multiple means (email, telephone, social media, media advisories, the Summary Guide for Maryland Candidacy & Campaign Finance Laws and in person) were used as a source of communication to provide a basic understanding of candidacy and campaign compliance to interested individuals
- A Candidate Packet including instructions and forms was provided to each potential candidate to assist in the filing process
- Montgomery County Board of Elections staff members filed twice as many candidates as the prior Presidential cycle

2020 Candidate Filing:

January 24, 2019 – January 24, 2020

(Federal and State Offices are filed at the State Board of Elections)

Local Office: Board of Education

- 27 Candidate Filing Packets Distributed
- 18 Candidates Filed at the Board of Elections

Board of Education Contests

- At-Large
- District 002
- District 004

Running for
School Board



Candidate Filing

County Board of Education

2020 18 candidates filed

At-Large 13

District 002 2

District 004 3

2016 9 candidates filed

At-Large 5

District 002 2

District 004 2

Running for
School Board



Ballot Preparation and Distribution

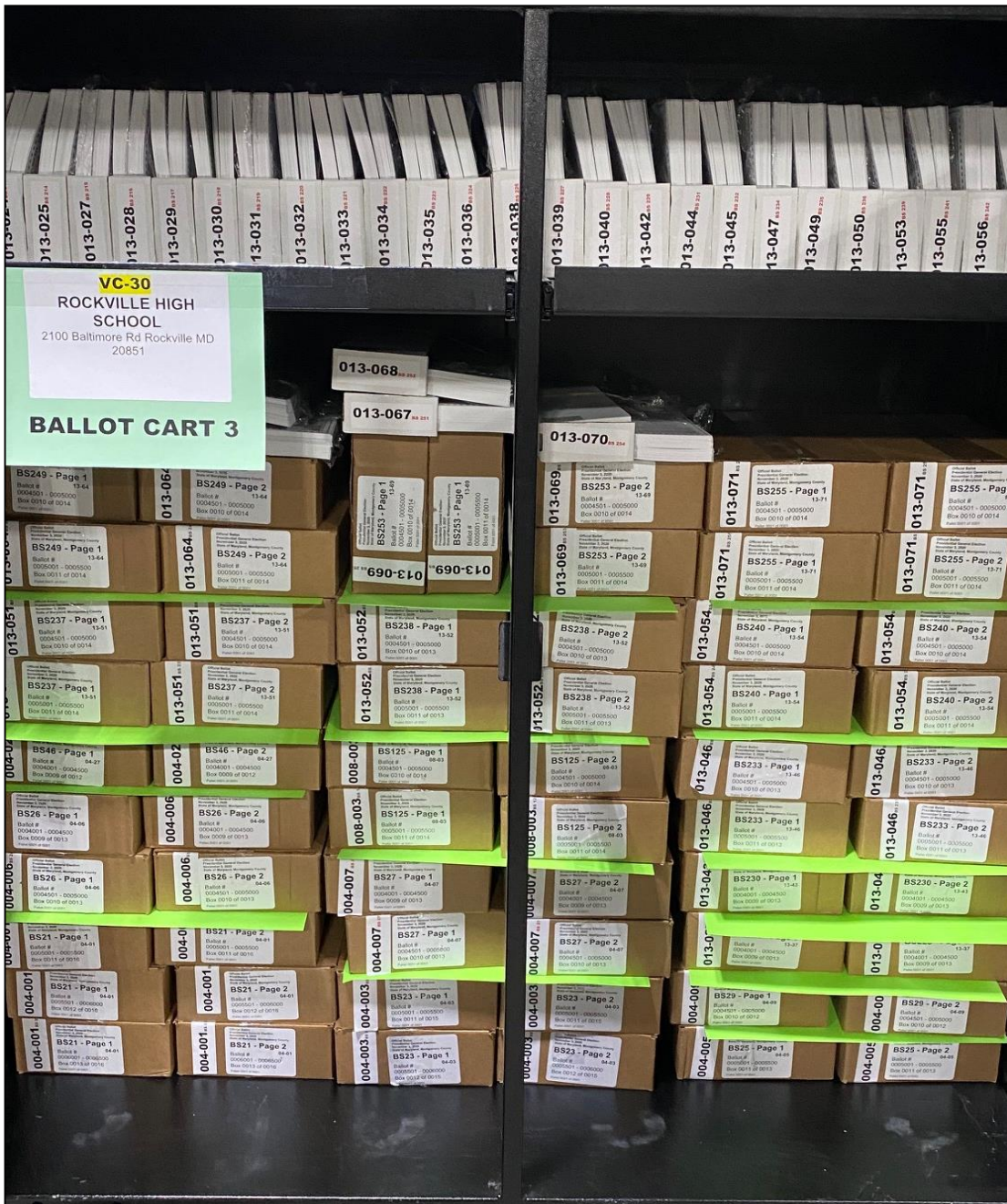
1.75 Million Ballots Ordered



Ballots Packed for Delivery



Nine Staff Participated in Ballot Packing



Mail-In Ballots Picked Up Twice Daily from USPS by BOE Staff



USPS Shady Grove Depot

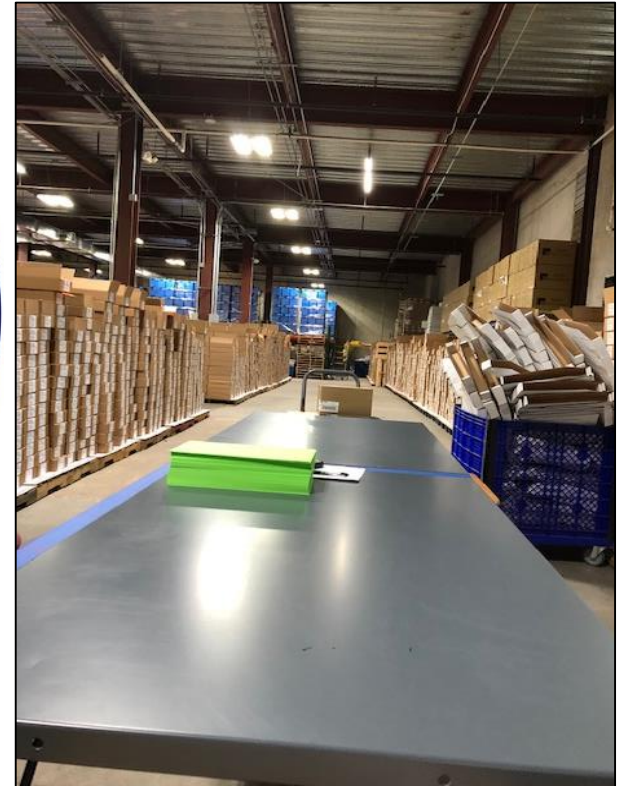


Absentee



at the
Board of Elections

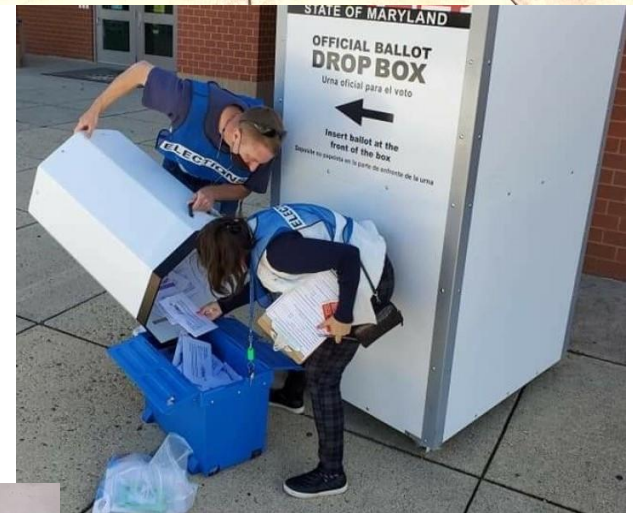
In-Person at the Polls



Ballots Take Many Routes

Ballot Drop Boxes

2020 Presidential General: Ballot Drop Box Operation



Ballot Drop Box Operation

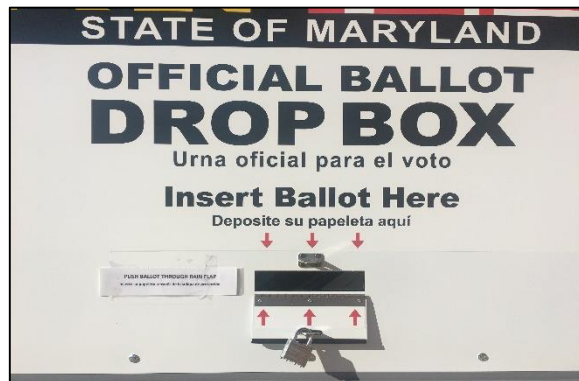
Operations Department managed the collection of ballots from 52 drop boxes September 29 – November 3, 2020

- **Installation I:** 3 collection routes on days & weekends
- **Installation II:** 5 routes on days & weekends; 3 evening routes
- **Installation III:** 6 routes on days & weekends; 5 evening routes
- **Election Day:** 10 routes
- **Election Night:** 23 routes to empty & close the **52** offsite boxes



Election Night Operation

- Trained & deployed 10 teams of 2 to serve as Drop Box Attendants at “outlier” ballot drop boxes from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Election Night (no Vote Center)
- Trained 23 Election Workers to serve as Election Night Assistants to the BOE Ballot Collection Officials
- Deployed 23 Ballot Collection Teams on Election Night to make the final ballot collection from the 52 offsite ballot drop boxes
- Vote Center Election Workers successfully locked all Ballot Drop Box slots at 8:00 p.m.
- Ballot Collection Teams emptied the 52 offsite drop boxes, ensured the ballot slot was locked and applied tamper tape seals to the ballot slot & drop box door
- Teams returned to the Board of Elections with Blue Ballot Bins, Integrity Reports, Olive Green Bags (untimely ballots) & Chain of Custody Forms



OPEN



LOCKING



LOCKED

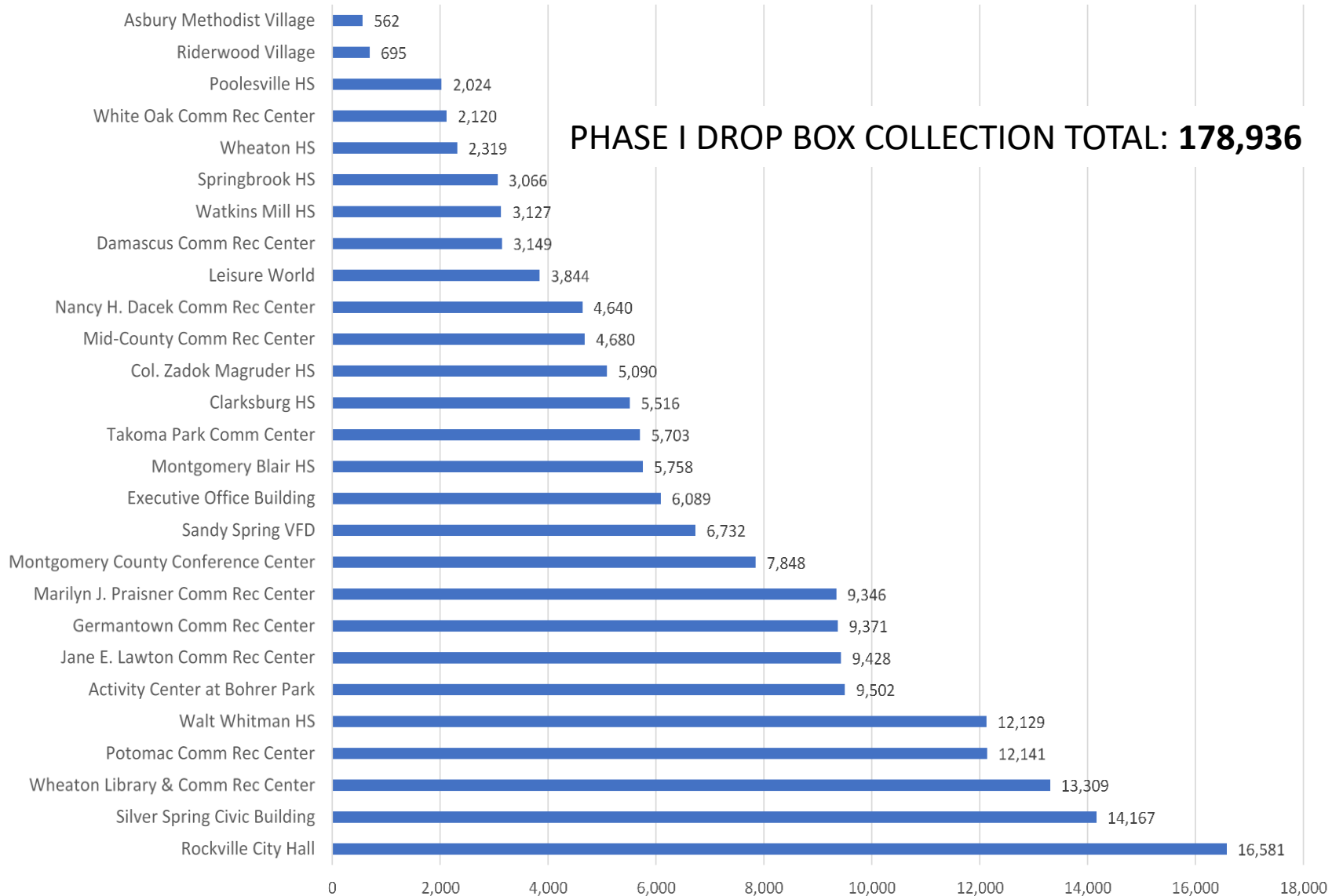
2020 General Election Ballot Drop Box Installation

Installation Date	Drop Box	Days Available	Ballots Collected
PHASE I (9/28 - 9/29/20)	Board of Elections	36	22,657
	Rockville City Hall		16,581
	Silver Spring Civic Building		14,167
	Wheaton Library & Comm Rec Center		13,309
	Potomac Comm Rec Center		12,141
	Walt Whitman HS		12,129
	Activity Center at Bohrer Park		9,502
	Jane E. Lawton Comm Rec Center		9,428
	Germantown Comm Rec Center		9,371
	Marilyn J. Praisner Comm Rec Center		9,346
	Montgomery County Conference Center		7,848
	Sandy Spring VFD		6,732
	Executive Office Building		6,089
	Montgomery Blair HS		5,758
	Takoma Park Comm Center		5,703
	Clarksburg HS		5,516
	Col. Zadok Magruder HS		5,090
	Mid-County Comm Rec Center		4,680
	Nancy H. Dacek Comm Rec Center		4,640
	Leisure World		3,844
	Damascus Comm Rec Center		3,149
	Watkins Mill HS		3,127
	Springbrook HS		3,066
	Wheaton HS		2,319
	White Oak Comm Rec Center		2,120
	Poolesville HS		2,024
	Riderwood Village		695
	Asbury Methodist Village		562
PHASE II (10/14 - 10/15/20)	Walter Johnson HS	20	7,377
	Quince Orchard HS		5,486
	Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS		3,704
	Albert Einstein HS		3,165
	Winston Churchill HS		2,694
	Rockville HS		2,688
	Friendship Heights Village Center		2,673
	Thomas S. Wootton HS		2,322
	John F. Kennedy HS		1,813
	Northwest HS		1,788
	Seneca Valley HS		1,783
	Paint Branch HS		1,684
	Richard Montgomery HS		1,540
	James Hubert Blake HS		1,457
	Damascus HS		1,375
	Northwood HS		1,202
	Gaithersburg HS		1,079
PHASE III (10/23/20)	Sherwood HS	12	1,481
	Upper County Comm Rec Center		1,067
	Longwood Comm Rec Center		978
	Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center		875
	Gwendolyn E. Coffield Comm Rec Center		648
	East County Comm Rec Center		596
	Bette Carol Thompson Scotland NRC		287
	Robertson Park Youth Center		224
			15
			251,579

BALLOT COLLECTION OPERATION: PHASE I (September 29 - November 3, 2020)

PHASE I DROP BOX COLLECTION TOTAL: **178,936**

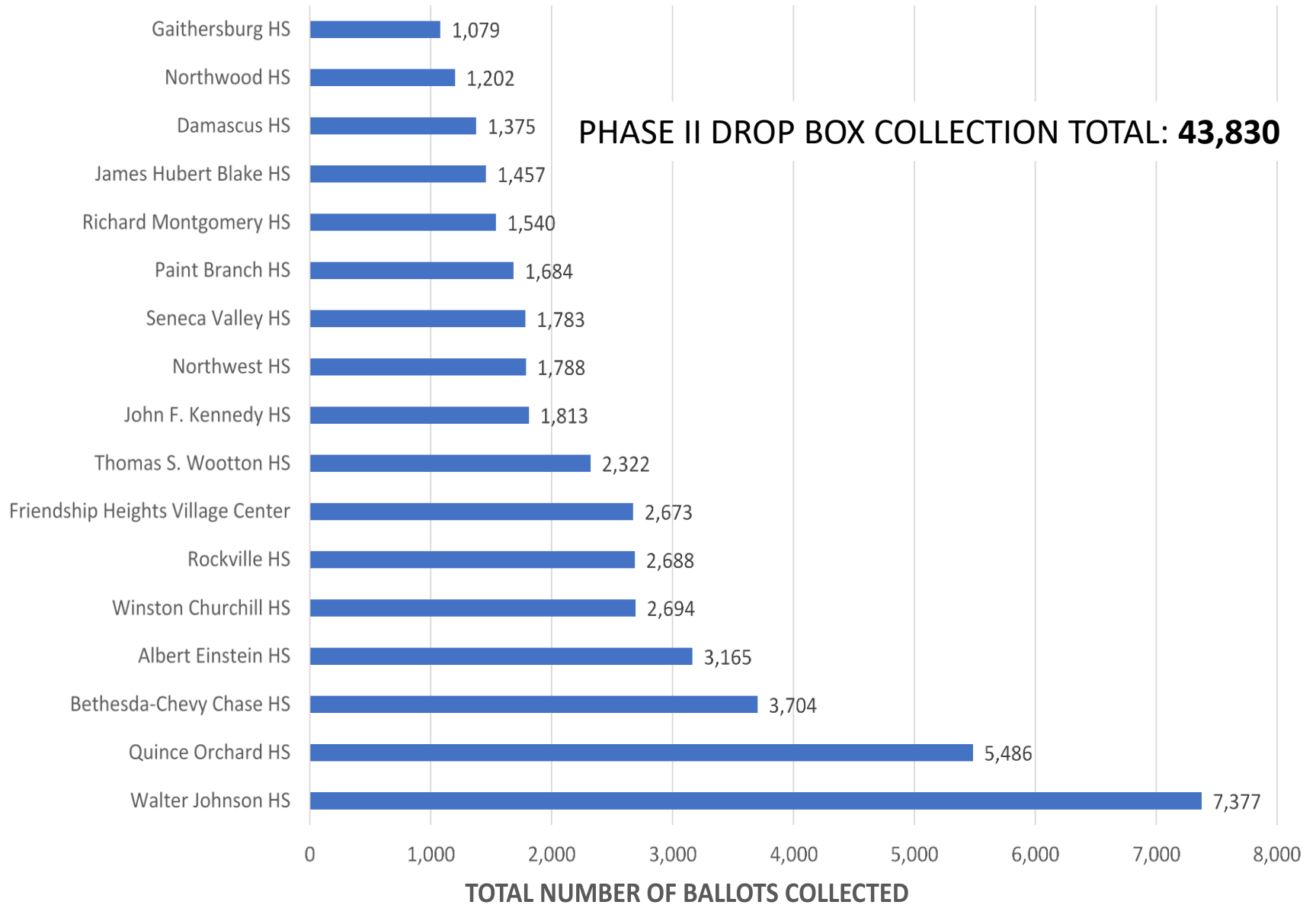
DROP BOX LOCATION



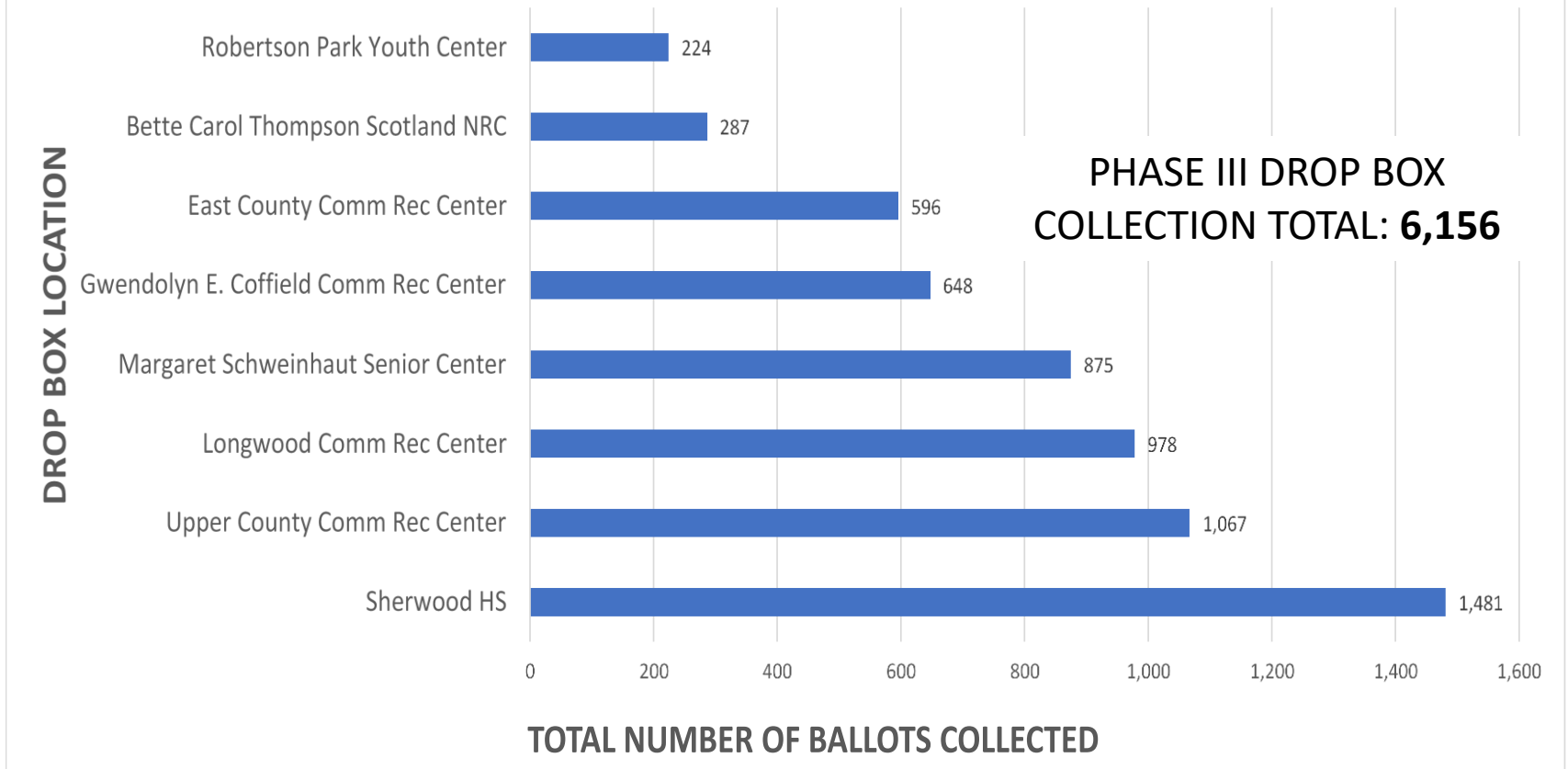
TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS COLLECTED

BALLOT COLLECTION OPERATION: PHASE II (October 15 - November 3, 2020)

DROP BOX LOCATION



BALLOT COLLECTION OPERATION: PHASE III (October 23 - November 3, 2020)



TOTAL BALLOTS COLLECTED FROM 52 OFFSITE DROP BOXES: 228,922

Election Judge Recruitment

Assigned Election Day Workers by Party

2020 Presidential General

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	UNAFFILIATED	OTHER PARTIES
1,904	274	367	31

2020 Election Day Assigned Workers for the 40 Vote Centers

Position	Required	Assigned	Vacant Positions	Over Assigned
BOE CHF (Curbside Voting)	2	1	1	
CHF DEM	42	41	1	
CHF REP / OTH	42	41	1	
CHI (Chinese)	5	5		
CLS DEM	57	57		
CLS REP / OTH	57	55	2	
ENS (Election Night Support)	190	181	10	1
KOR (Korean)	5	5		
LM (Line Management)	138	138		
LM-A (AM)	14	16		2
LM-B (PM)	38	22		
SDR (Same Day Registration)	77	78		1
SPN (Spanish)	135	136		1
BOE VOP (Curbside Voting)	1	1		
VOP	1,364	1,375		11
VOP-A (AM)	99	100		1
VOP-B (PM)	105	106		1
VOP-D (Driver)	42	43		1
VOP-P (Provisional)	118	121		3
RNR (Runner for Warehouse)	4	4		
RNR-A (AM)	8	8		
RNR-B (PM)	10	10		
RST (Regional Site Tech-Drop Box)	30	30		
				20
Grand Total	2,581	2,573	30	22

Supply Warehouse and Operational Logistics

POLLING PLACE SUPPLY PREPARATION AND MANAGEMENT

- Supply cages were packed for **11** Early Voting Centers and **40** Vote Centers & **100%** verification was conducted by supervisor and BOE Administrators
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was packed to protect pollworkers & voters:
 - ✓ **20,050** face masks
 - ✓ **1,093** face shields
 - ✓ **983** boxes of rubber gloves
 - ✓ **900** canisters of disinfectant wipes
 - ✓ **788** bottles of hand sanitizer
 - ✓ **672** rolls of paper towels
 - ✓ **182** cans of disinfectant spray
 - ✓ **66,000** pens & pencils for voters
- All support supplies and equipment were packed in the transfer carts
 - ✓ Transfer carts were used for all materials & equipment in order to eliminate Chief Judges coming into BOE to collect supply bags. This new process was implemented to avoid potential exposure to COVID.
 - ✓ Logistics involved coordinating packing between two groups—Polling Place Supply & IT. Packing of ballots & supplies were prepared in tandem with equipment preparation.
- Approximately **1,749,500** ballots were processed—ordered, inventoried, allocated & packed according to **255** ballot styles with BOE Administrators overseeing the process
- **580** Blue Ballot Transfer Bins were labeled per security protocol to accept scanned, voted ballots & were delivered to each voting center
 - ✓ All bins containing voted ballots were returned to the Supply Warehouse to be inventoried before ballot counting began
- **40** “Critical Materials” Red Bags were prepared & distributed to Chief Election Judges during a Chief’s briefing prior to the election.
- After the General Election:
 - ✓ **170,000** Voter Access Cards were counted as part of the election audit
 - ✓ **196** transfer carts were dismantled
 - ✓ Approximately **540,000** ballots have been staged and will be packed for the mandated retention period

POLLING PLACE SETUP AND SUPPLIES

- **At the start of the 2020 election cycle, 232 Montgomery County polling places, serving 255 precincts, were selected, reviewed, approved & referred to the Maryland State Board of Elections for record as part of the MDVOTERS database**
 - ✓ **NOTE:** The response to the COVID-19 pandemic changed the entire plan. A new plan was developed by SBE following the Governor's mandates & was approved the end of August 2020 leaving just six weeks to develop a program that ordinarily takes one year to establish. Additional site selection & site surveys were conducted. Necessary updates were made to polling place lists, MDVOTERS database, Election Worker Module, equipment allocations & election worker requirements. Significant recalculations to the ballot order and ballot distribution were developed & implemented.
- **Maryland State law requires that registered voters receive advance notice of a polling place change**
 - ✓ **232** posters & **250** lawn signs were printed and placed at original polling places to notify voters of the change
 - ✓ Signs provided contact information regarding the **40** Election Day Vote Centers
- **Moving contractors successfully managed the delivery of election equipment to 40 Centers over a 10-day period that included:**
 - ✓ **196** Black Transfer Carts packed with supplies, ballots, scanners, Ballot Marking Devices & ADA Tables
 - ✓ **390** Electronic Poll Books were delivered under a separate moving contract
- **All polling places required CDC recommended six-foot social/safe distancing**
 - ✓ Health & Human Services collaborated with Board staff to create a floor plan that was safe according to people per square foot & that provided a practical voter flow in the polling room to avoid spread of the virus
 - ✓ Larger facilities were chosen in lieu of traditional precinct polling places to meet the mandated square footage required
 - ✓ Several voting centers utilized additional space outside the polling room to conduct Provisional Voting as a precautionary measure and to increase the square footage available
- **Nearly 80% of the registered voters were served in the 2020 Presidential General Election**
- **The hybrid voting system gave voters a choice between a Mail-In Ballot or a traditional In-Person Vote Center**

Supply Packing and Supply Certification



Supply Packing

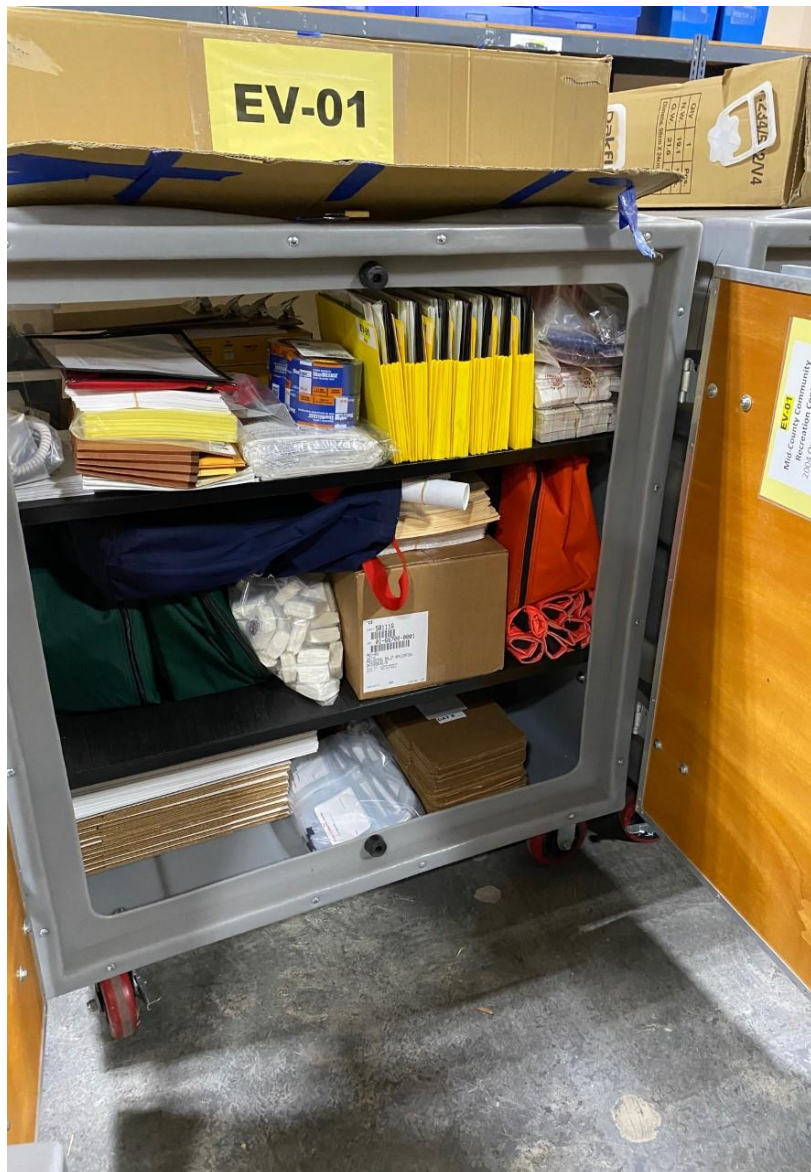


**22 Supply Carts Prepared
for 11 Early Voting Centers**



**40 Supply Carts Prepared
for 40 Election Day Vote Centers**

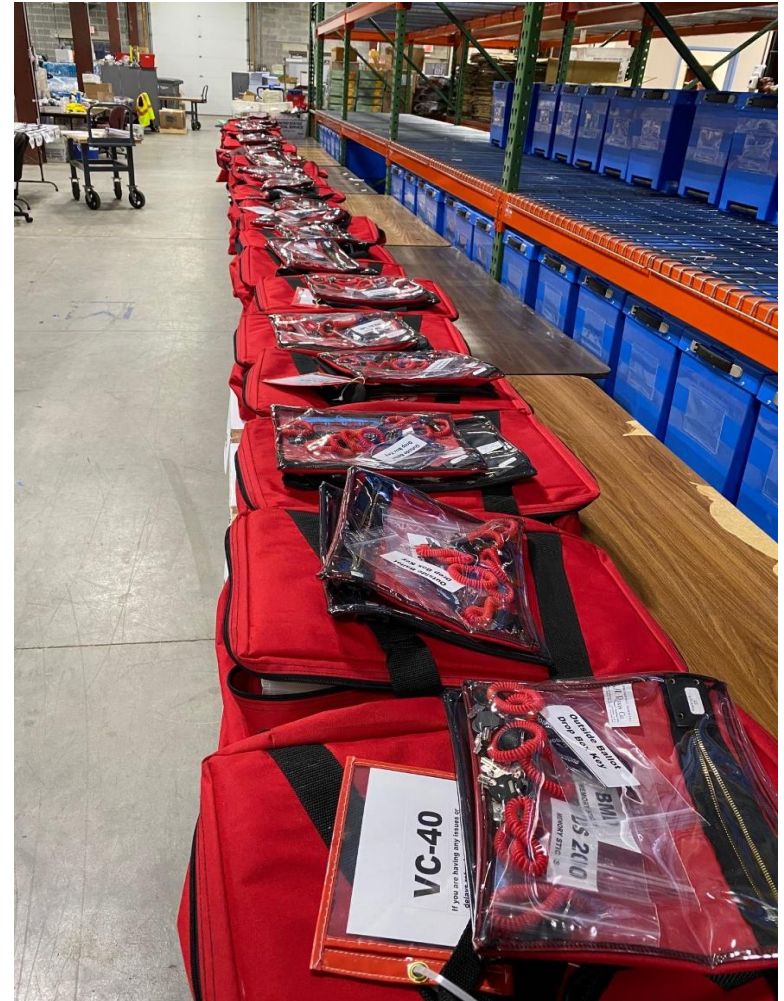
Materials Required for the Conduct of an Election



Assembly of Chief Judge Materials



Chief Judge Binder



“Critical Materials” Red Bags

Equipment Delivery



**Delivery Day:
Staging
of Black Carts
by Route Order**

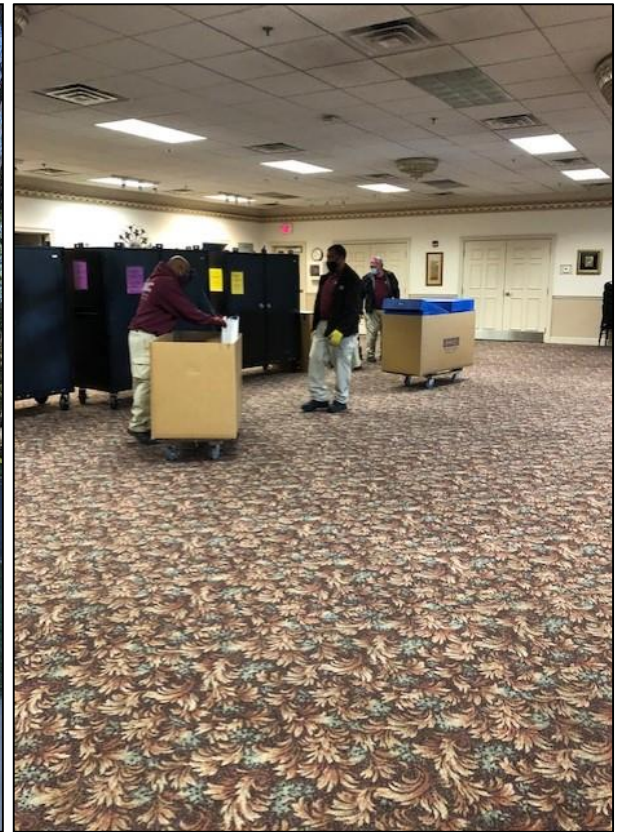
**73 Carts
and Miscellaneous
Supplies Delivered
Over 10 Days**



Electronic Pollbook Delivery



The Sunday before the November 3rd election, after the bulk update was completed, Electronic Pollbooks were arranged in route order and prepared for a Monday, November 2nd delivery by JK Moving Company

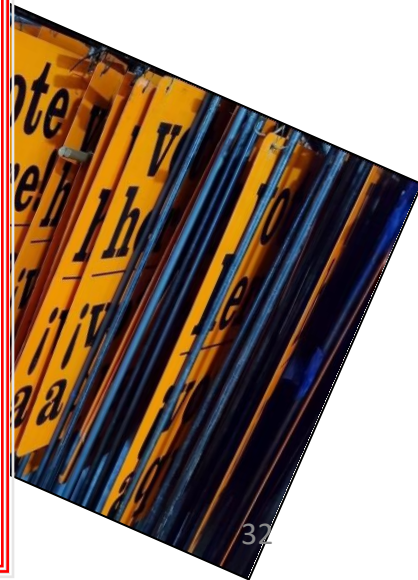


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Delivery at Sandy Spring VFD

Equipment Delivered for the 2020 General Election

- Tables delivered by Allied Party Rentals -- **441**
 - ✓ Early Voting – **162**
 - ✓ Election Day – **259**
 - ✓ BOE – **20**
- Chairs to various sites by Allied Party Rentals – **70**
- Delivery Routes
 - ✓ Able Moving – **31** Routes
 - ✓ JK Moving – **7** Routes of EPBs
- Carts -- **334**
 - ✓ Scanners -- **293**
 - ✓ EPBs – **313**
 - ✓ BMDs -- **68**
 - ✓ ADA Tables for BMDs – **80**
 - ✓ Ballots -- **1,599,900** x 2 = **3,133,800** pieces of paper
 - ✓ Routers – **40+**
 - ✓ Numerous Supplies
- Acrylic Protective Shields – approximately **960**
- Blue Ballot Bins -- **580**
- Voting Booths -- **1324**
- “Vote Here” Signs -- **40**
- Cases of Water – Approximately **300**
- Ballot Drop Boxes – **52** in 3 Phases



Logistics Fact Sheet

- Filed **18** Interested Candidates for the 2020 Elections
- Proofed **255** Ballot Styles
 - ✓ Optical Scan Ballot - Spanish and English
 - ✓ Audio Ballot - Spanish and English
 - ✓ Ballot Marking Device Screens - Spanish and English
- Identified & Selected **40** Appropriate Voting Sites
 - ✓ Obtained MOUs to Lease Private Locations
 - ✓ Reserved Montgomery County Facilities: MCG, MCRD & MCPS
 - ✓ Ensured Analog Telephone or Cell Phone Communication for **40** Centers According to Maryland Election Law
 - ✓ Surveyed All Centers for Voter Accessibility and Suitability According to DOJ Directives
 - ✓ Measured and Assigned “No Electioneering” Boundaries at **40** Centers
 - ✓ Arranged for EV Private Locations to Change Lock Cylinders to All Doors into the Polling Area to Ensure Security
 - ✓ Created Pollworkers Packet (Photo, Floor Plans, Public Safety Rally Points)
 - ✓ Created VOP-D & Closing Judge Packets for Election Night Returns
 - ✓ Collaborated with Sites Regarding Floor Protection in Gymnasiums
 - ✓ Arranged for Drinking Water for Pollworkers During Early Voting & Election Day
 - ✓ Rented Additional Furniture Where Necessary
 - ✓ Ordered **1,086** Acrylic Protective Shields per CDC Guidance
 - ✓ Arranged to Have EV Banners Hung at **11** Early Voting Centers
 - ✓ **232** Posters & **250+** Lawn Signs Were Placed at Original Polling Places for Voter Information
 - ✓ Fielded Numerous Questions from the Public Regarding Polling Sites
- Installed **52** Ballot Drop Boxes
 - ✓ **20+** Ballot Drop Box Attendants Collected Ballots Daily from All Boxes
 - ✓ Arranged for **24/7** Surveillance of Boxes
 - ✓ Closed and Collected Ballots from **52** Boxes at 8:00 pm Election Night Utilizing **23** Teams
- Arranged for Adequate Numbers of Pollworkers to Conduct the Election to Avoid Voting Delays
 - ✓ Arranged for Line Managers/Greeters to Manage COVID Protocols
 - Ensured That Voters Were Masked
 - Provided Hand Sanitizer
 - Ensured Voters Observed 6’ Social Distancing While in Line
- **1,749,500** Ballots Ordered x 2 Cards = **3,499,000** Pieces
- **470,000** Ballots Packed for Early Voting
- **1,096,900** Ballots Packed for Election Day

Logistics (Continued)

- Packed **196** Ballot and Supply Carts for **40** Centers
 - ✓ **55** Supply Carts Loaded with Election Supply Materials (PPE, BACs, Signs, etc.)
- **160** Custom-made Wooden Inserts (made by DGS) for Ballot Carts Were Assembled and Installed
- **10,200** Cardboard Ballot Organizers Assembled by Staff
- **9** Staff Members Packed **1,566,900** Ballots for **28** Straight Days for Delivery to **40** Centers
 - ✓ **2,016** Man-hours
- **6** Runners & **4** Warehouse Staff Provided Supply Support for **9** Days Delivering & Returning Critical Materials Up To **3** Times Daily
- Coordinated with USPS
 - ✓ Arranged for Pre-paid Postage Accounts
- Arranged Contingency Measures
 - ✓ Identified Facilities with Emergency Response Capabilities
 - ✓ Arranged for Two On-Site Generators for the Duration of the Election Period
 - ✓ Maintained COOP & Disaster Recovery Plans
- Met with Moving Contractors to Arrange Contracts & Finalize Delivery Plans
- Coordinated Reservations with Polling Locations to Conduct Wireless Testing
- Collaborated with Montgomery County Police and Security Regarding Security at Polls and Board Office
 - ✓ Planned for Election Nights Returns
 - Prepared Route Maps
- Coordinated with Department General Services Staffing for Election Night Returns
 - ✓ Arranged for Tent Rental & Installation
 - ✓ Arranged for Tower Lights at Polling Sites & BOE During Election Night
- Worked with Moving Contractor to Retrieve All Voting Equipment from Polling Locations, a 10 Day Post Election Process
 - ✓ Ensured That All Equipment was Returned
- Supply Warehouse Coordinated VAC Counts for the State Audit
- Warehouse Staff Continues to Conduct Post Election Cleanup & Inventory
 - ✓ Packed All Ballots & Election Materials for Mandated Retention Period
- Three Months Past the General Election Staff Will Begin Candidate Filing for the Next Upcoming Election Cycle
- Presently Reviewing Census Timelines & Redistricting Information to Coordinate the Upcoming 2020 Legislated District Boundaries



**Ordered Water to
Accommodate Workers at
Polling Locations**

Approved Protective Floor Covering



Wheaton Library & CRC



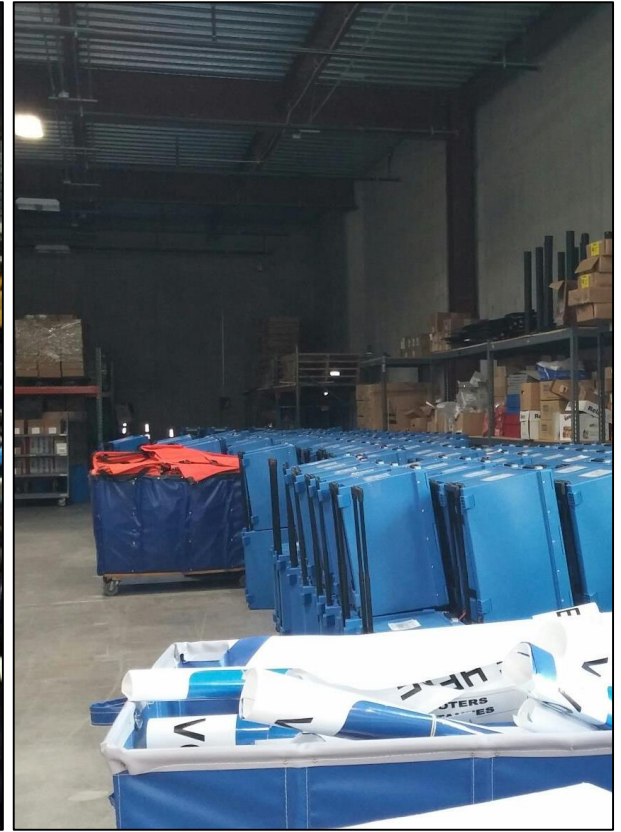
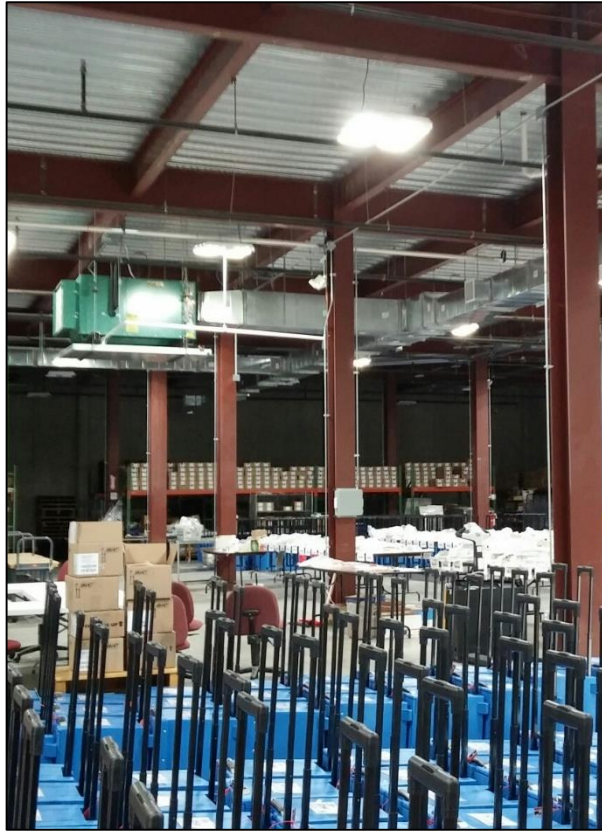
Seneca Valley HS

Election Night Materials and Equipment Returns



Post Election: Audit Process Assists with the Final Ballot Count



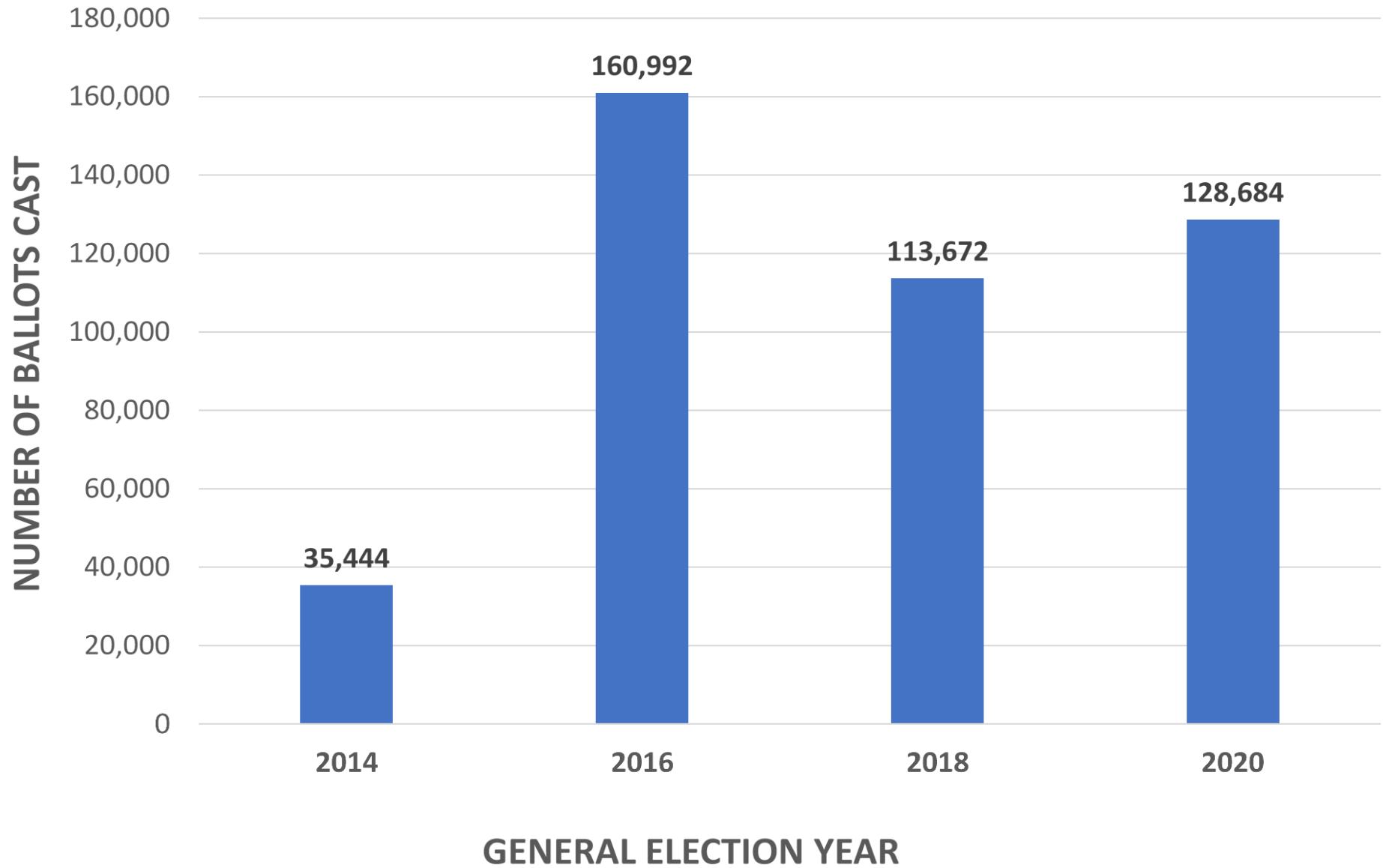


And There is Clean Up

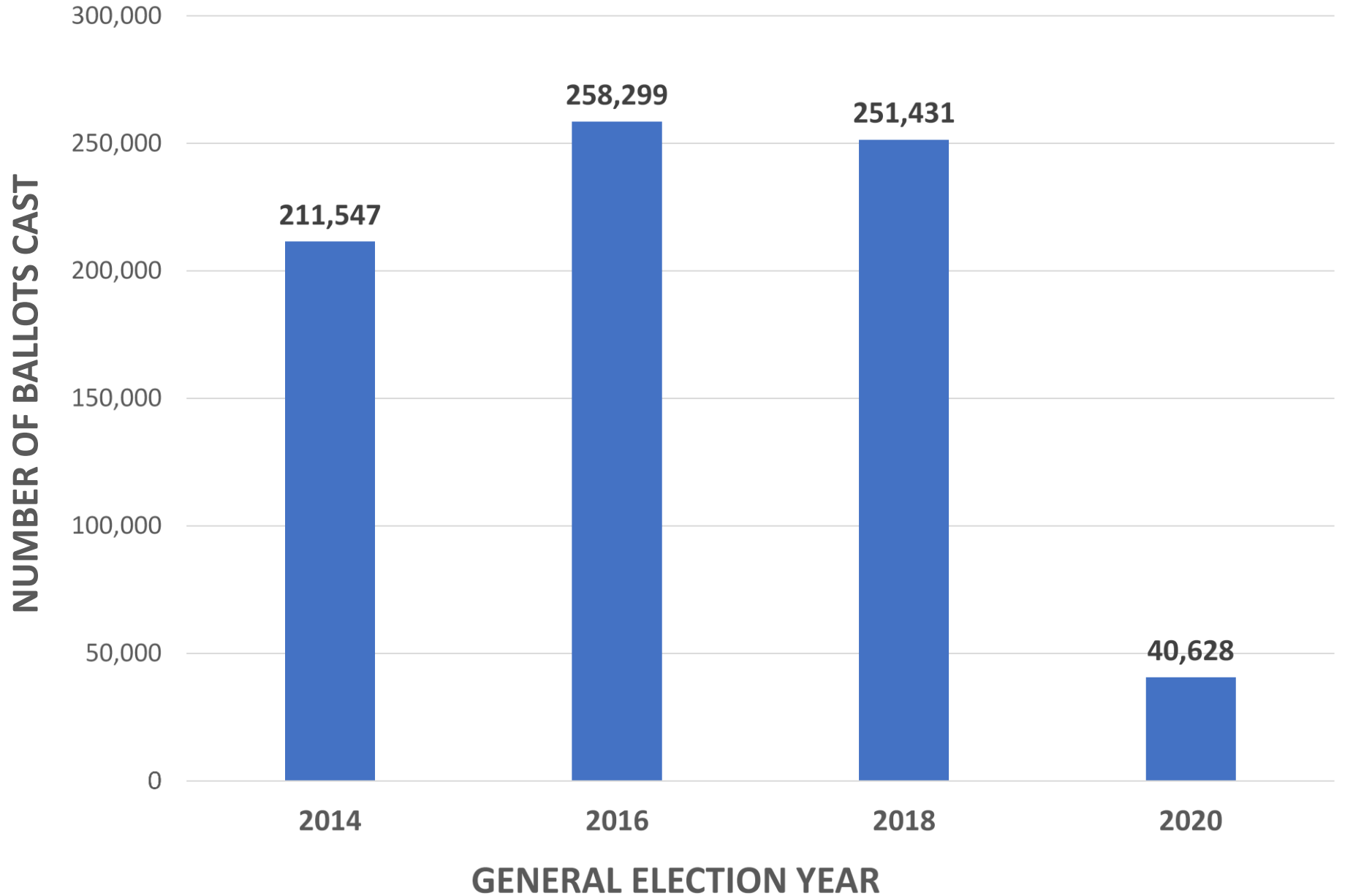
2020 General Election Turnout

(Early Voting, Election Day, Mail-In & Total)

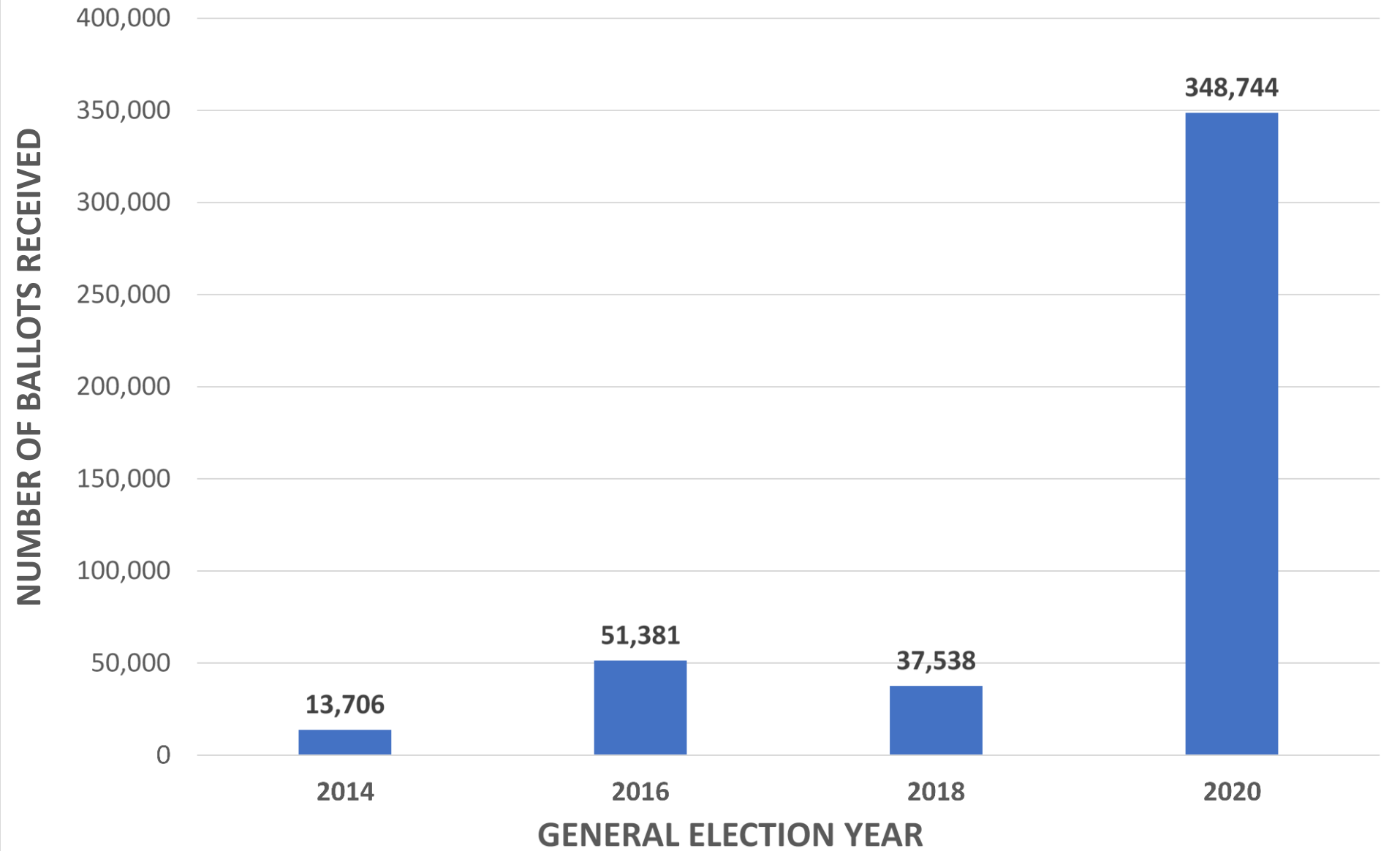
EARLY VOTING TURNOUT



ELECTION DAY TURNOUT

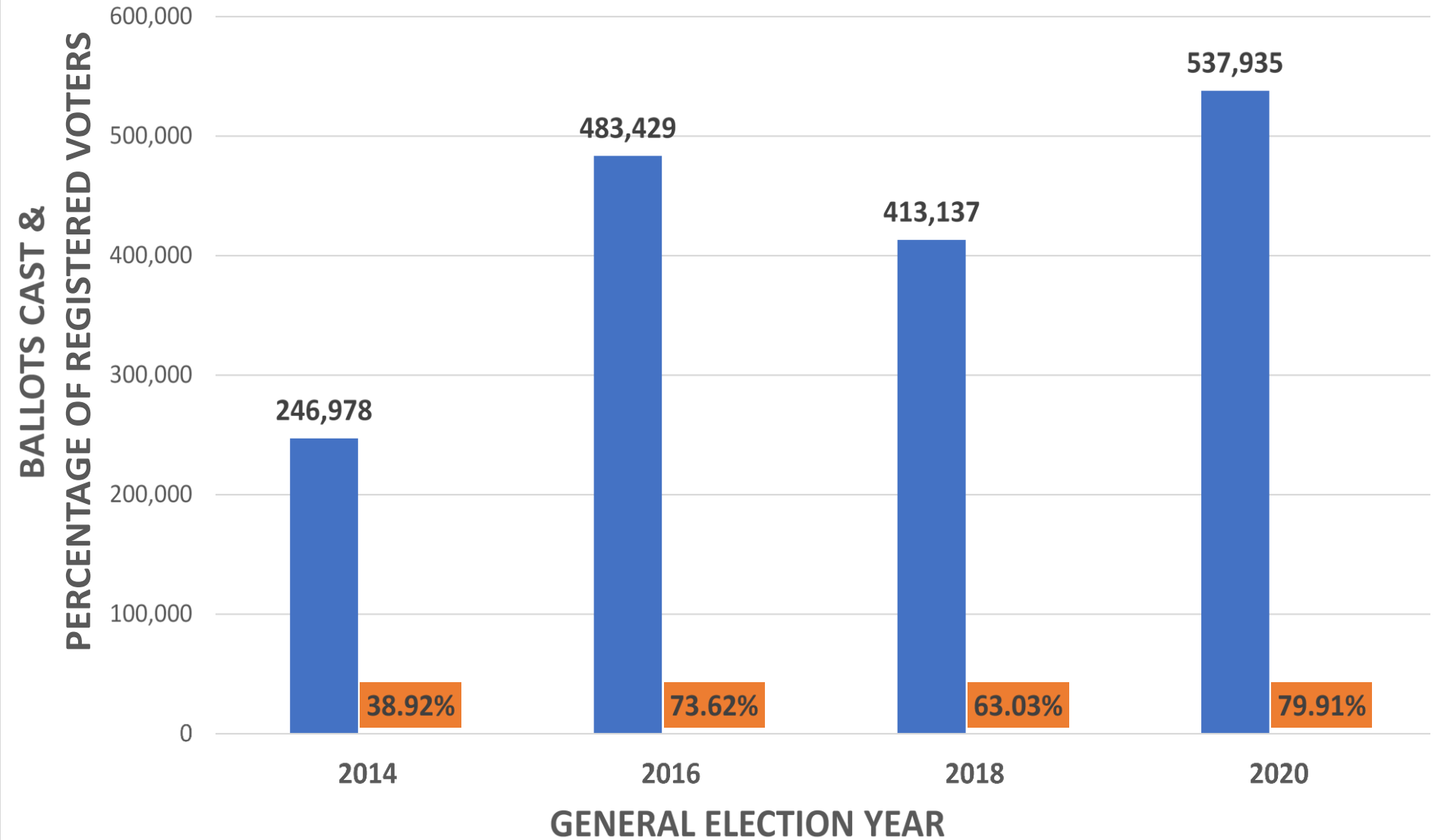


MAIL-IN VOTING TURNOUT



TOTAL VOTER TURNOUT

(Early Voting, Mail-In, Election Day & Provisional)



2020 General Surveys

Election Day Polling Place Support Program

The evaluation program was cancelled for the 2020 election cycle due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Significant measures were taken during the conduct of the elections to protect election workers and voters and minimize the number of people visiting the sites. Board of Elections thanks the League of Women Voters for past service and looks to the future for a shared goal of providing Montgomery County voters the best voting experience possible.

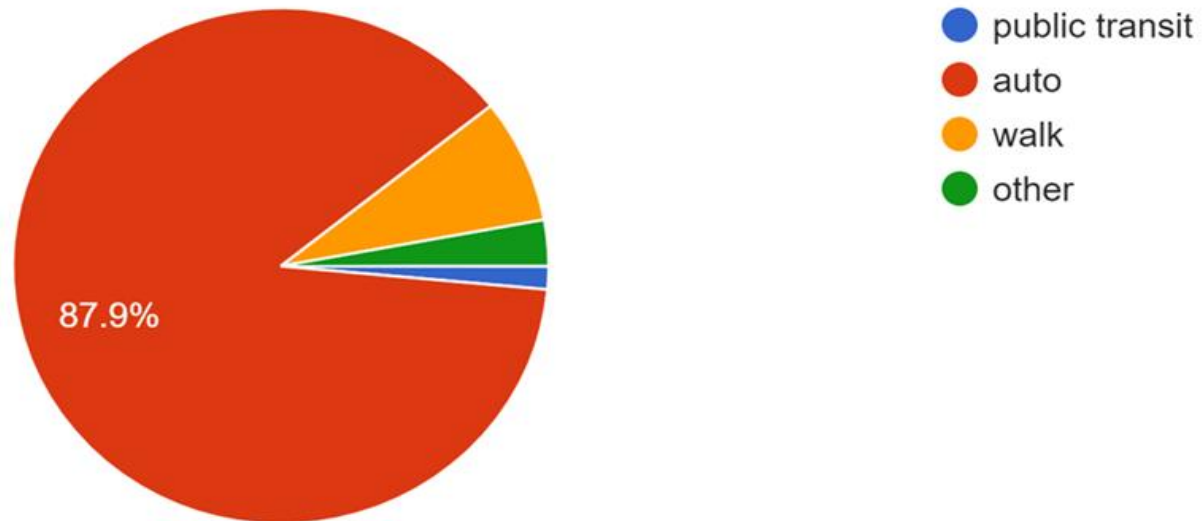
NOTE: The appropriate surveys were conducted by Board staff to meet State audit requirements.



Election Day Voter Comments

How did you arrive to this Polling Place?

1,453 responses

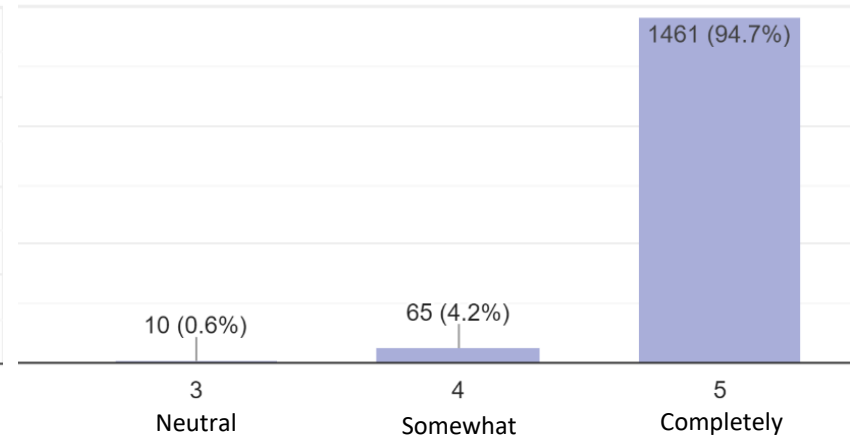
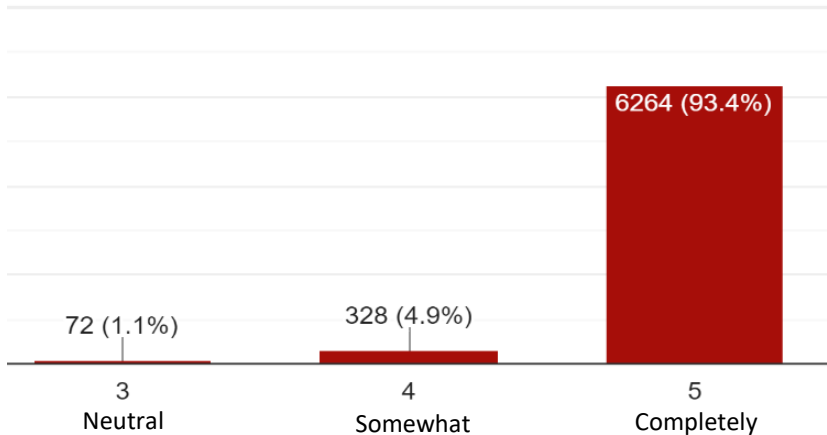


Voter Comments Regarding the Convenience of the Location

Is this voting center convenient?

EARLY VOTING

ELECTION DAY



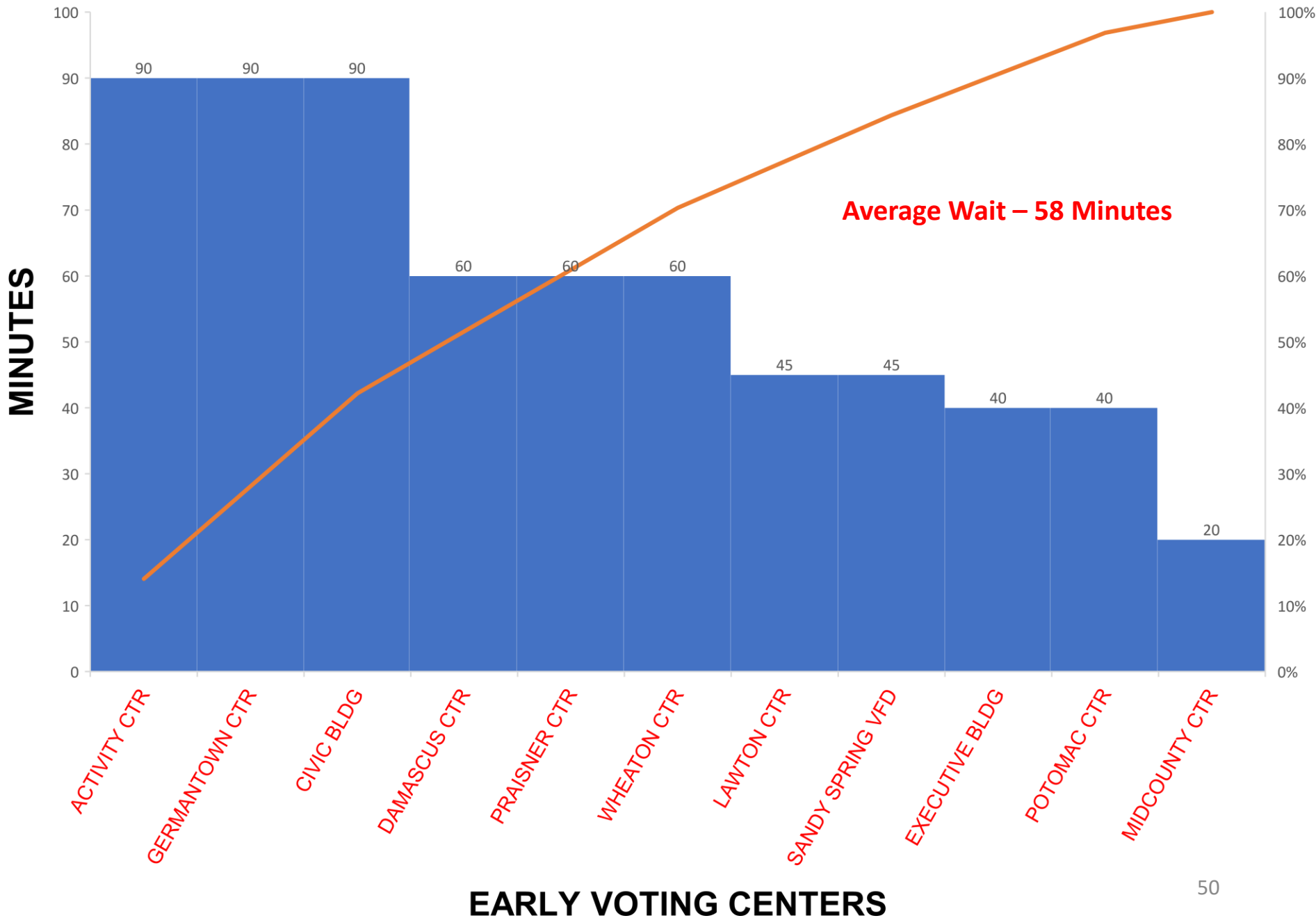
Voter Responses To Early Voting

- **6,300** early voters completed “Comment Cards”
- Almost all responses were positive & encouraging
 - ✓ Thank you!
 - ✓ Great experience!
 - ✓ Glad we’re using paper ballots
 - ✓ It was quick -- less than 15 minutes
 - ✓ I can't think of anything to improve -- my experience was good
 - ✓ Would appreciate snacks
 - ✓ Very good service
 - ✓ Gentleman at the front door was very courteous!
 - ✓ All good 😊
- The overarching concern was privacy
 - ✓ More privacy!
 - ✓ Get rid of paper!!
 - ✓ Masks & shields made it hard to hear
 - ✓ Concerned about campaigners
 - ✓ Concerns regarding no ID requirements

Voter Responses To Election Day Voting

- **1,460** Election Day voters completed “Comment Cards”
- Almost all responses were positive & encouraging
 - ✓ Thank you!
 - ✓ I like having this convenient polling place
 - ✓ A wonderful experience 😊
 - ✓ It was very convenient and well-run!
 - ✓ Nothing needs to be changed – everything went smoothly
 - ✓ The process was great!
 - ✓ Everyone was so pleasant & helpful
 - ✓ Nice job! Thank you!
 - ✓ Everything was perfect!
 - ✓ Everyone did an excellent job!
- The overarching concern was privacy
 - ✓ Some suggested using an electronic voting system

EARLY VOTING WAIT TIMES ON THE FIRST DAY AT 8:00 AM



EARLY VOTING WAIT TIMES ON THE FIRST DAY APPROX. 9:30 AM

EARLY VOTING CENTERS

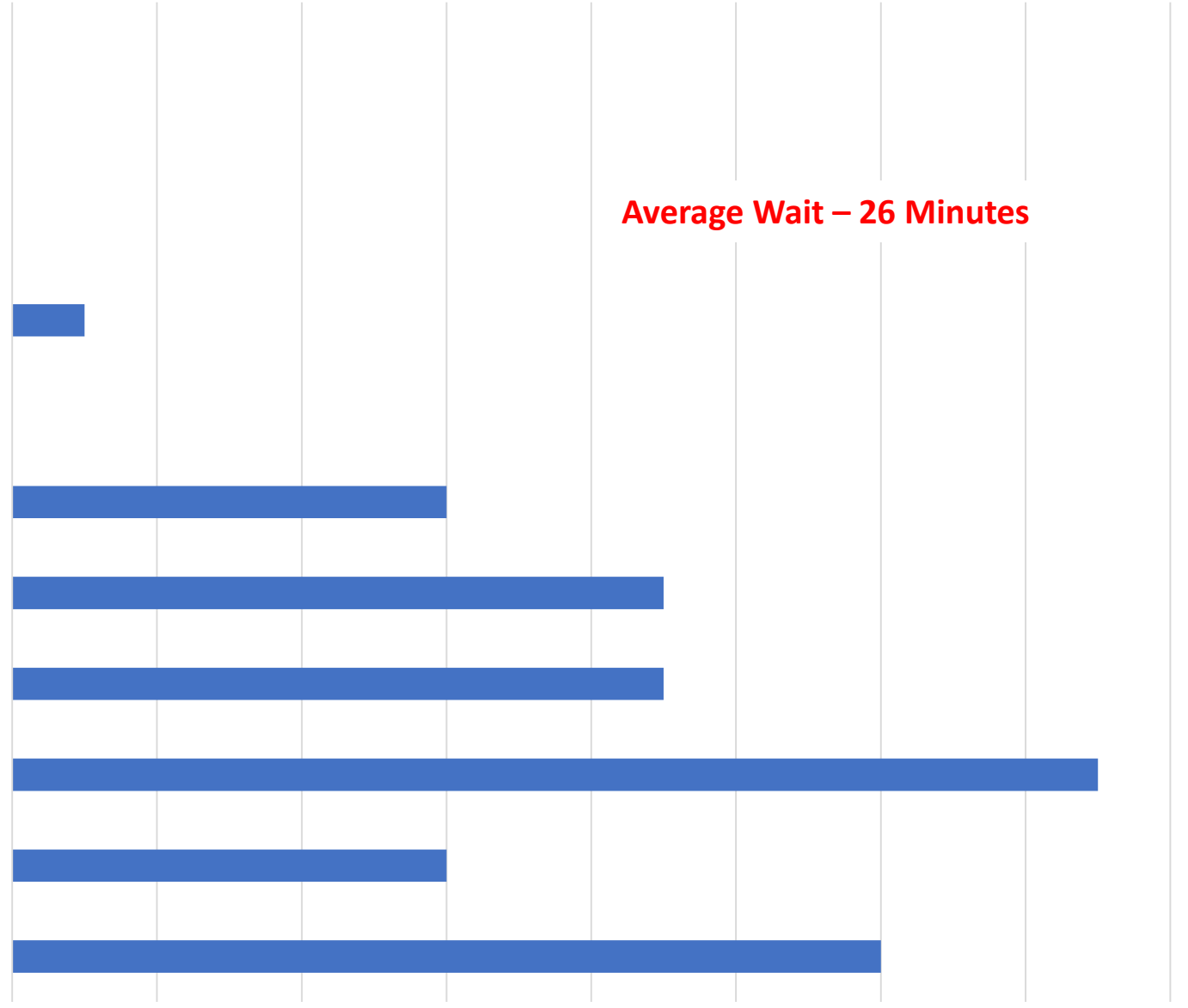
WHEATON CTR
SILVER SPRING CIVIC
SANDY SPRING VFD
POTOMAC CTR
MIDCOUNTY CTR
PRAISNER CTR
LAWTON CTR
GERMANTOWN CTR
EXECUTIVE BLDG
DAMASCUS CTR
ACTIVITY CTR

Average Wait – 26 Minutes

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80

MINUTES

51



“I Voted”
Maryland State Board of Elections
Sticker Competition

2019 Competition Winners



Anne R.

Montgomery County
Public Middle Schools



Amelia A.

Montgomery County
Public Elementary Schools



Cara B.

Queen Anne's County
Public High Schools



MC DOT

*Montgomery County
Board of Elections
extends sincere
thanks to
our partners for their
dedicated assistance
during the 2020
Elections.*



**Montgomery County
Recreation**

MCPS



Montgomery County DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
DGS
Delivering Great Service!

Community Use of Public Facilities
MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERAGENCY COORDINATING BOARD

**Department of
Health and Human Services**

**Department of
Technology Services**